

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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By: NARA Date:
03-12-2013

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 8/26/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka
Invaders

On 8/15/68 ME 338-R (Ghetto) orally advised
SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

The notorious Memphis pickpocket LANCE WATSON, aka "Willie Wine," "Sweet Willie Wine," who in the past has been with the Invaders cell of BOP, and who for the past three months has been in Washington, D. C., with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), is back in Memphis. He has had publicity photos made and is having a poster made advertising a Black United Front rally to be held at Clayborn Temple, AME Church, 280 Hernando, 8:00 p.m., Monday, 8/19/68.

- 1-157-1067 - BOP
- 1-157-556 - Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas
- 1-170-70-Sub - ME 338-R (Ghetto)
- 1-157-166 - SCLC
- 1-157-1312 - Black Knights
- 1-157-1258 - LANCE WATSON, aka "Sweet Willie Wine"
- 1-157-1277 - EMMETT HOUSE
- 1-157-957 - JOHN BURRELL SMITH
- 1-157-1070 - EDWINA HARRELL
- 1-100-4528 - CHARLES CABBAGE
- 1-25-14636 - CHARLES CABBAGE
- 1-100-4575 - CLIFFORD LOUIS TAYLOR

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- 1-157- - MARION COLLINS
- 1-157-Dead - JAY HOWARD
- 1-157-Dead - LARRY THOMAS

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- 1-157-1116 - VERDELL BROOKS
- 1-157-1019 - CHARLES HARRINGTON
- 1-157-1173 - OREE MCKENZIE
- 1-157-1114 - DON NEELY
- 1-157-1326 - RICHARD NEELY

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1-66-1687-Sub - Dissemination

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EDWINA HARRELL, the female brain of BOP, on 8/14/68 advised ME 338-R that her boyfriend, CHARLES CABBAGE, BOP theoretician, has gone out of town seeking legal aid for his Selective Service charge (indicted by Federal Grand Jury for failure to report for induction 5/10/68). She hinted he is in Atlanta, Georgia. She tried to call him long distance the night of 8/14/68. She needed to talk to him about some unknown BOP problem. She was concerned about BOP member CLIFFORD LOUIS TAYLOR "checking up" on her. She has been staying with CABBAGE at the home of RICK HENRY TAYLOR, 358 McFarland, and was scared to go there on the night of 8/14/68. RICK TAYLOR is worried.

[REDACTED] RICK TAYLOR (no kin to CLIFFORD) is to go to work for WREC Radio and TV 8/27/68 in the News Department.

About 6 to 8 Black Knights attended the BOP benefit dance. BOP sold advance tickets at \$2.50 each. They had an attendance of about 300. Among Black Knights recognized were:

MARION COLLINS, works at Cleo Wrap

J. HOWARD, announcer, WDIA Radio

LARRY THOMPSON, a 1968 Mannassas High School graduate who lives with his mother, JOSELLE THOMPSON, on Guthrie Street off North Thomas

The Black Knights are wearing dark blue "jump suits," a fancy coverall with words Black Knights affixed to backs, and tiki's reading Black Knights.

EDWINA HARRELL is apprehensive about LANCE "Sweet Willie Wine" WATSON. BOP wants to use him for his color and charisma but does not trust him. She described him as being "too quick a thinker." He is not well educated.

"Wine" and EMMETT HOUSE were together on the night of 8/14/68. HOUSE now has a "full beard" and is a cousin of JOHN B. SMITH.

ME 157-1067

CHARLES S. BALLARD, VERDELL BROOKS, OREE MCKENZIE, and CHARLES HARRINGTON have all been fired by Neighborhood Organizing Project, following their 8/2/68 PD marijuana arrest.

EDWINA HARRELL



DON NEELY is still AWOL from the U. S. Army. He has a new suit, obtained from Paul's Tailor Shop. He was with his brother, RICHARD LAWRENCE NEELY, at the 8/13/68 BOP dance. DON literally loafs on Beale Street and nearly any day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. can be found in the vicinity of Johnson's Barber Shop and Avalon Pool Room, both in the 300 block of Beale. RICHARD NEELY is not working. RICHARD NEELY told ME 338-R he knew the FBI was checking on him and suspects GEORGE KRISS, a free lance Negro photographer, of giving the FBI his picture. He said someone ought to kill KRISS (or KRESS).

CLIFFORD LOUIS TAYLOR is not working, yet he wants to buy a house. His wife is working, place not known. He said he lost his job at Pace Corporation because he would not join the Union.

On 8/15/68 pertinent information above was orally furnished to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Unit, Memphis PD.

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TO : SAC (157-166)

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FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
RM

On 6/27/68 ME 338-R (Ghetto) orally advised as follows:

Source has learned that there is a lot of dissension within SCLC ranks. The only original SCLC people in town were Criminal Court Judge BEN HOOKS and Rev. S. BILLY KYLES, male Negro, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church. Now a group of "young turks" many of whom took an active part in SCLC's Washington, D. C., "Resurrection City" in May and June, 1968, are trying to take over. Among them are as follows:

HERMAN L. O'NEIL, Lester High School Football Coach
GEORGE HUNT, Carver High School Track Coach
(FNU) HILL, Carver High School teacher
BISHOP TROTTER, teacher at Melrose
ROOSEVELT JOYNER, a recent veteran.

They will concentrate on organizing the Binghampton area and may well become political allies of former Memphis Mayor WILLIAM B. INGRAM.

O'NEIL in particular is mad because Rev. KYLES has not been supporting them as KYLES wants the Negro ministers to control SCLC in Memphis.

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- 1 - 17 0-70 Sub (ME 338-R)
- 1 - 157-1310 (HERMAN O'NEAL)
- 1 - 157-1299 (BISHOP TROTTER)
- 1 - 157-1238 (GEORGE HUNT)

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On 8/2/68 ME 338-R (Ghetto) orally advised SA
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

The "Young Turk" group of SCLC headed by CHARLES MONGER, WILLIAM RUBIN, GEORGE W. TROTTER, and BISHOP TROTTER is behind the scenes putting the heat on white Memphis businessmen for donations to SCLC. There is a very definite veiled threat inherent therein, in that these solicitors are giving the impression that if the respective businessmen do not contribute, serious economic boycotts and picketing of their businesses will ensue. Main targets are those businessmen doing large amounts of business with Negro customers.

Informant has reliably learned that WILLIAM LOEB, brother of Memphis Mayor HENRY LOEB, and operator of Loeb's Laundry, Loeb's Barbecue and Chicken establishments, has contributed large amounts of money to SCLC and other black pressure groups and has allegedly given some money to the militant Black Organizing Project (BOP), headed by CHARLES L. CABBAGE, JOHN B. SMITH, et al.

Most of this money is being funneled through male Negro JOHNNY ARNOLD of John Arnold and Associates, a public relations firm. ARNOLD has accounts with Southland Greyhound Track, Coca-Cola, Hart's Bread, all of which do large amounts of business with the black community.

- ① - 157-166
- 1 - 170-70-Sub (ME 338-R Ghetto)
- 1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
- 1 - 157-1168 (Racial Situation in Tennessee)

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- 1 - 157-1067 (Black Organizing Project)
- 1 - 157-1152 (Rev. HAROLD MIDDLEBROOK)

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Informant added that the Young Turks continue to fight with the "old line" SCLC leadership headed by Rev. SAMUEL BILLY KYLES, Pastor of Monumental Baptist Church.

Source pointed out that a vicious, anonymous, mimeographed sheet is being distributed throughout Memphis, allegedly being produced by political supporters of former Memphis Mayor WILLIAM B. INGRAM. It is called, "Liberator." The latest issue viciously attacked Negro attorneys RUSSELL B. SUGARMON, JR., and A. W. WILLIS, JR., members of Tennessee State Legislature who ran in 8/1/68 Democratic primary against ALVIN M. KING and JAMES TAYLOR, respectively. The former were supported by NAACP and its political adjunct Shelby County Democratic Club, whereas latter were supported by INGRAM's political henchmen, O. W. PICKETT, realtor, O. Z. EVERS, and CORNELIA CRENSHAW. TAYLOR is a protege of City Councilman J. O. PATTERSON, JR. KING is a protege of PICKETT.

KING is a former Memphis PD officer, allegedly fired after mistreating a prisoner in Memphis City Jail.

TAYLOR is a former Memphis school teacher

The rump group of SCLC has purchased an old, 2-story house on Haynes St., just south of Whitten Brothers Hardware Store, in the Orange Mound area.

IRMA LAWS, Society Editor of Tri-State Defender, weekly Memphis Negro paper, will handle SCLC publicity for forthcoming SCLC convention.

Rev. HAROLD MIDDLEBROOK is back in Memphis trying to worm his way into SCLC leadership position. KYLES is trying to keep him out.

SCLC will have a massive banquet at Club Paradise during the convention.

SCLC will use the Methodist CME Church on South side of South Parkway East, just west of Lauderdale, for its basic headquarters during the SCLC convention.